



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title : STATIC END TO END RETRANSMIT APPARATUS AND  
METHOD

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**COMMENT ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

This Comment On Statement Of Reasons For Allowance is filed in reply to the May 6, 2005 Notice of Allowability. Applicant respectfully objects to the Examiner's statement.

The invention is defined by the claims, *i.e.*, by each claim taken as a whole. The prior art does not disclose, suggest, or make obvious the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully objects to the statements by the Examiner characterizing the claimed invention.

With respect to claims 1-21, the Examiner's Statement Of Reasons For Allowance states:

[T]he prior art of record does not teach or suggest, individually or in combination of transmitting the designated transaction over a second path by comparing the retrieved sequence number for the designed transaction to the sequence numbers in the retransmit buffer, storing the designed transaction in the retransmit buffer before sending the designed transaction to the destination node with the environment of the independent claims.

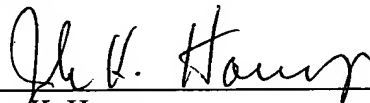
The above statement does not accurately reflect the invention as recited in claims 1-21. Furthermore, the above statement is merely a paraphrase of a portion of one of the allowed claims.

Applicant respectfully objects to this statement. Applicant asserts that the cited prior art, considered as a whole, fails to teach or suggest each and every element of the invention that is recited in each claim. Thus, the claims are allowable over the cited prior art.

Applicant respectfully requests that the above comments be placed in the file and made of record.

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